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SUBJECT: GOE REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN
SPEECH

1. GOE SUNDAY MARCH 2ND REACTED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
LATIN AMERICAN SPEECH, DELIVERED ON SATURDAY MARCH 1 IN HOUSTON.

2. THE GOE STATEMENT SAID "THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR REAFFIRMS
ITS UNALTERABLE POLICY OF NOT NEGOTIATING UNDER PRESSURE
OR THREAT OF COERCION, NOR WILL IT PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS IN WHICH THERE DOES NOT EXIST THE MOST ABSOLUTE
EQUALITY BETWEEN STATES, AND WHERE THE VOICE OF THIS COUNTRY
WOULD BE DIMINISHED BY THREATS STEMMING FROM APPROVED LEGIS-
LATION WHICH ESTABLISHES SANCTIONS, OR WHICH DEPRIVES THE
ECUADOREAN ECONOMY OF EQUAL TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAT-
IONAL COMMERCE, RAW MATERIALS, AND OTHER VITAL NECESSITIES.
ALL OF LATIN AMERICA, UPON READING THE TEXT OF THE TRADE
REFORM ACT, DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS, WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS MONTH IN
BUENOS AIRES, UNTIL THE COERCIVE MEASURES AND DISCRIMIN-
ATORY TREATMENT IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT HAVE BEEN REMOVED
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AND EQUALITY CAN BE RE-ESTABLISHED AMONG THE COUNTRIES

OF THE HEMISPHERE."

3. IN REFERENCE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES "PERTTING THEIR ENERGIES TO BE EMPLOYED IN ARTIFICIAL AND UNHELPFUL CONFRONTATION," THE GOE STATEMENT SAID "IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE, WHICH ENJOY A GREATER WELL-BEING AND PROGRESS, NOT TO AGGRAVATE WITH ILL-CONSIDERED LAWS THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," (AND IT IS ALSO THEIR DUTY) "TO ALLOW EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE IN THOSE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION."

4. IN A UPI DISPATCH FROM POINT-A-PITRE, GUADALUPE, ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ (ENROUTE TO THE OPEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS) WAS REPORTED TO HAVE "REJECTED" US ACCUSATIONS THAT ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA CAUSED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE BUENOS AIRES FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, AND AS WELL, THE NOTION OF "STERILE AND ARTIFICIAL CONFRONTATION."
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